

Henry Finance, Ways, and Means Committee Amendment No. 1

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 158*

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by deleting all of Senate Joint Resolution 158, as introduced, and substituting the following:

A RESOLUTION to urge the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Tennessee Congressional delegation to prohibit the sale and importation of controlled substances over the Internet and from foreign countries.

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the citizens of the United States is of the utmost importance and the proliferation of hundreds of drug dispensing websites on the Internet, which lure American consumers to buy controlled substances from foreign sources, holds much potential harm and danger; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is significantly concerned about U.S. consumers buying controlled substances from foreign sources and has publicly declared that the agency cannot ensure the safety of drugs bought from these sources; and

WHEREAS, according to the FDA, purchasing a medication over the Internet puts a consumer at risk of receiving a contaminated or counterfeit product, the wrong product, an incorrect dose, or no product at all; and

WHEREAS, the FDA also states that taking an unsafe or inappropriate medication puts a consumer at risk for dangerous drug interactions and other serious health consequences; and

WHEREAS, the common Internet pharmacy procedure of having a prescription filled by completing a questionnaire without seeing a physician has been deemed by the

American Medical Association as substandard medical care and a serious health risk;
and

WHEREAS, the potential dangers and risks to the health and well-being of U.S. citizens by the importation and/or online purchasing of controlled substances require the expeditious prohibition of such activities to ensure the public safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that this legislative body hereby urges U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson, Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona, Senator Bill Frist, Senator Lamar Alexander and the Tennessee Congressional Delegation to take the necessary steps to stop the sale of controlled substances over the Internet, as well as the importation of controlled substances from outside the country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona and each member of Tennessee's congressional delegation.